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Ancient Monuments, with excellent engravings of many of the pictures from Assyrian and Egyptian monuments, general articles on the Geography, Ethnology, Geology, etc. of the Bible; helps to devotional and practical study; maps, concordance, index, pronunciation of proper names, etc; everything, in fine, that a teacher needs for an intelligent handling of the Word of God. The only unfavorable feature about this otherwise perfect Appendix is the small type in which it is printed. The type is very clear indeed, but yet too small for other than strong eyes. The main portion of the book is in larger type, and printed in very attractive style. The text is in the version of King James.

Some of the articles in the Appendix are done by American scholars, such as President Harper, Philip Schaff, Bishop Vincent, but the most come from English hands. The work is all of the best, however, and this edition of the Bible ought to prove of great service to a teacher who is anxious to know the latest facts gained by the modern study of the Bible, the land, and the monuments.

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**The Psalms** (Expositor's Bible). By ALEXANDER MACLAREN, D.D. Vol. III. Psalms XC.-CL. New York: A. C. Armstrong & Son; Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co. Pages viii. and 461. Price, \$1.50.

When Dr. Maclaren put out his first volume on the Psalms in this series his readers were charmed with his expositions, and delighted with his methods. It seemed then that he was setting a high standard, to be carried through an exposition of the whole Psalter. We now have his third volume, completing his task, and are more than gratified to find that the same careful, critical examination of the original text, and the same elevated, striking spiritual exposition obtains to the last page of the volume. His position on certain critical questions is of interest to every reader. Regarding the authorship of Psalm 90 he says: "The arguments against the Mosaic authorship, apart from those derived from the as yet unsettled questions in regard to the Pentateuch, are weak." . . . "The characteristic Mosaic tone in regard to death as the wages of sin, the massive simplicity and the entire absence of dependence on other parts of the Psalter, which separate this psalm from almost all the others of the Fourth Book [of the Psalter], are strongly favorable to the correctness of the superscription" (pp. 4 and 5).

The question of the kenosis of Christ is brought forward in his treatment of Psalm 110. After stating that many who bow to the authority of Christ, think that his reference to this psalm does not foreclose a discussion of its authorship, he says, "It is urged that his object in his argument with the Pharisees, in which this psalm is quoted by him (Matt. 22:41-46 and parallels), is not to instruct them on the authorship of the psalm, but to argue from its contents; and though he assumes the Davidic authorship, accepted generally at the time, yet the cogency of his argument is unimpaired, so long as it is recognized

that the psalm is a Messianic one, and that the august language used in it of Messiah is not compatible with the position of One who was a mere human son of David (*Driver*, Introd., p. 363, Note). So also Dr. Sanday (*Inspiration*, p. 420) says that 'the Pharisees were taken on their own ground, and the fallacy of their conclusion was shown on their own premises.' But our Lord's argument is not drawn from the 'august language' of the psalm, but from David's relationship to the Messiah, and crumbles to pieces if he is not the singer" (p. 183 f.). Dr. Maclaren gives no uncertain sound to his words, and stands firmly on the ground of Christ's authority in this question.

His position on other points connected with the date and authorship of Psalms in this section of the Psalter, is defended by argument based on a broad and scholarly basis. He seems to be a truth-seeker rather than a theory-supporter.

The completion of these three volumes is cause for rejoicing on the part of biblical students, for here they find the candid, ripe judgment of a great preacher and careful student of God's word. Some one has said, that "next to reading the Bible we want to read Dr. Maclaren's sermons."

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